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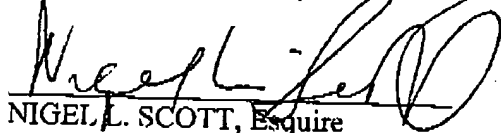
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant, through counsel, respectfully requests that the Applicant's Request for Reconsideration of Dismissal and Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) mailed on November 23, 2005 be accepted for filing out of time. A check to cover the cost of the late filing within the first month pursuant to 1.17(a)(1) of a response is enclosed.

As reason the late filing, Applicant states that his counsel had surgery on November 9, 2006 and has been convalescing, thus he has not been able to file the response to the Office Action within the three-month period provided by the rule. Consequently, the delay in filing was unintentional.

Accordingly it is respectfully requested that the Response to the referenced Office Action and be accepted for filing.

Respectfully Submitted,



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